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ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

**DATE:** October 12, 2004  
**TO:** Executive Management  
**FROM:** Diane Ross, Assistant Director, DMS  
**SUBJECT:** Eligibility and Enrollment Report for October 1, 2004

**The report location:**

**<http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/Statistics/>**

- The AHCCCS population as of October 1, 2004 was 1,026,966. This figure does not include Healthcare Group of 11,979 or the SLMB/Qualified Individuals of 20,759. By including these populations, the total AHCCCS population would be 1,059,704.
- Below is a summary of the total AHCCCS population:

	2/1/04	3/1/04	4/1/04	5/1/04	6/1/04	7/1/04	8/1/04	9/1/04	10/1/04
AHCCCS Acute	861,873	856,576	850,649	852,204	862,537	865,517	883,358	917,148	938,820
KidsCare	50,567	51,270	50,894	50,459	50,373	49,968	49,591	49,148	48,171
ALTCS	38,582	38,668	38,879	38,946	39,094	39,141	39,454	39,720	39,975
Total Population	951,022	946,514	940,422	941,609	952,004	954,626	972,403	1,006,016	1,026,966

- From September 1, 2004 to October 1, 2004, the population increased 20,950 or 2%. For the second consecutive month the population increased significantly because of DES' realignment in their workload to annual reviews.
- The major decreases in the AHCCCS population from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 were:
  - 977 KidsCare
  - 446 Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA)
- The major factor contributing to the decrease in the KidsCare population was the implementation of premiums for families with incomes from 100% to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level effective July 1, 2004. Even though these premiums were \$10 for one child and \$15 for two or more children, 2,343 children in this income group lost KidsCare coverage effective October 1, 2004. A total of 3,251 children in all income groups lost coverage solely due to non-payment of premiums October 1, 2004.

- The major increases in the AHCCCS population from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 were:
  - 12,011 AHCCCS for Families and Children (Sec 1931)
  - 5,388 AHCCCS Care
  - 2,014 SOBRA Child
  - 1,663 Federal Emergency Services

*NOTE: The eligibility requirements were changed 7/1/02 for the Emergency Services program. Recipients are no longer required to have an emergency episode in order to be eligible, which is the reason for the dramatic increase beginning 8/02. However, only emergency medical services will be covered by AHCCCS, thus, there should not be a high dollar increase in the program.*
- The AHCCCS for Parents (HIFA) category for KidsCare and SOBRA Children was implemented effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. The enrollment is 11,131 (94%) KidsCare Parents and (6%) SOBRA Parents.
- January 1, 2003 also marked the implementation of the Freedom to Work (FTW) Program. Freedom to Work has a current population of 565 of which 553 are Acute Care and 12 are Long Term Care.
- There were 3,709 discrepancies between the number of individuals eligible and the number enrolled. Capitation adjustments have been made. This number is significantly higher this month because of the timing of discontinuing KidsCare clients for non-payment of premiums.
- Of the 966,296 Acute Care members (including KidsCare) the following are not eligible for full services:

Family Planning Services Only	7,313	
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Only	1,144	
Federal Emergency Services	<u>73,163</u>	
Total	81,620	(8.3% of Acute Care Population)

- The Medicare Cost Sharing programs in addition to QMB are:

	1/1/04	2/1/04	3/1/04*	4/1/04*	5/1/04*	6/1/04*	7/1/04*	8/1/04	9/1/04	10/1/04
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)	11,913	12,052	11,790	12,279	12,216	13,259	12,958	12,971	13,300	13,532
Qualified Individuals I	7,653	8,000	9,129	5,369	5,798	6,029	6,156	6,451	6,837	7,227
Total	19,566	20,052	20,919	17,648	18,014	19,288	19,114	19,422	20,137	20,759

\*Beginning March 2004 figures may be inaccurate due to system conversion. Statistics will be updated when reporting feature is fully implemented in ACE.

The decrease in Qualified Individuals between March and April was due to members not completing the reapplication process.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please call me at 602-417-4590 or 1-800-654-8713 ext. 74590.

#### Attachments

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